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## NEWSNOTES



### Jersey Guard hosts Annual Unity Day

The New Jersey National Guard will host the Tenth Annual Unity Day Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Joint Training and Training Battle Lab on Fort Dix. Everyone is invited to join the celebration of diversity in music, food, dance and a scavenger hunt.

### Dix, area reps to sign Community Covenant

Fort Dix will join with representatives from local communities Sept. 16 to sign the Army Community Covenant, a formal commitment of support by local communities to Soldiers and their families. The event will be hosted by Wrightstown at the Elementary School Auditorium at 10 a.m. Communities that enter into the covenant recognize the daily commitment made by Soldiers and Families, that the strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their families, the strength of families is supported by the strength of the Community and that the strength of the Community comes from the support of employers, educators, civic and business leaders and its citizens.

### Civil Affairs, PSYOPS instructors wanted

Do you have recent Civil Affairs or Psychological Operations experience in the theater of operations? Do you want to share that experience and your professionalism as a TASS Instructor? The 5th Battalion (CA/PO), 3rd Brigade (CA/PO), 100 Division, 80th TNG Command has E-5 through E-7 instructor slots for qualified Soldiers. If you believe you have what it takes to be a member of the TASS instruction team, contact Maj. Michael G. Floru, S-3, 5th Battalion, at michael.g.floru@us.army.mil.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY --** Chance of light rain showers with thunder, high of 77 degrees and overnight low of 63.

**SATURDAY --** Chance of light showers, breezy with winds from the southeast, high of 78 and low of 65 degrees.

**SUNDAY --** Thunderstorms likely in morning, light rain showers, high of 82 and overnight low of 63 degrees.

**MONDAY --** Morning rain, daytime high of 80 degrees and low of 58.

**TUESDAY --** Clear and cooler, high of 72 degrees, overnight low of 53.

**WEDNESDAY --** Continued cooler, high of 65 degrees and overnight low of 50.

**THURSDAY --** Cloudy, clearing into evening, daytime high of 67 degrees.

# Biometrics boost security

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Fort Dix is taking security to a new level with the implementation of the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS).

It's a system that will register Dix personnel, vehicles, pets, and weapons entering the installation, replacing the Mobilisa system, still currently in use.

The goal is to get everyone on the installation registered on DBIDS within the next few months. McGuire Air Force Base and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst are expected to have this security technology up and running around January 2009, and getting both installations on the same system is a top priority.

"This is a great system because it helps prevent identity theft," said Chief of Department of Defense

(DOD) Police Services, Maj. John Dove.

It is a step up from the current system in that it validates the user's photo and fingerprints, and will eventually include retinal scans.

The DBIDS scanners are more compact than the Mobilisa version now in use, and will recognize three types of IDs: Common Access Cards (CAC), government IDs, and specialized DBIDS cards. The DBIDS card will be primarily issued to and used for contractors and visitors to the installation.

Since 2004, biometrics systems have been installed at military installations throughout the country and at overseas installations in Korea, Japan, and Europe since 2001.

The registration process involves having whichever card you currently possess, the CAC card or government ID, scanned into the DBIDS system with your picture and fingerprints.



Ryan Morton

**BETTER BEEP --** Department of Defense Patrolman Celso Maldonado scans a visitor's ID at the Main Gate on Route 68, September 10, using the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) scanner.



Staff Sgt. Pascual Flores

## Sustainment Brigade unfurls unit colors, honors long history

Col. Halvor Adams, 77th Sustainment Brigade Commander, left, presents Brig. Gen. Gregory Couch, Commanding General, 316th Sustainment Command with a plaque containing a Certificate of Excellence for leadership and tireless support. For more on the standup of the new unit, see page 11.



## Retirees welcome at annual info event

Military retirees of all services are invited to the annual Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 20 at Timmermann Center.

The doors will open to retirees and their families at 8 a.m.

A buffet continental breakfast will be available, compliments of AUSA. The County Fair of information booths will be available to provide retirees with handouts on current benefits and programs, information on local programs and simple medical screenings.

The formal ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with the posting of the colors by members of the the Lenape High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Keynote speaker will be Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Leroy A. Bussells, assistant director for retiree affairs, Association of the US Army.

Bussells, an expert in the personnel field, was drafted into the United States Army in 1970.

He began his military career at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During his career, he served in various assignments throughout the United States and overseas, to include Vietnam, Germany and two tours in Korea.

Bussells retired from the Army after 30 years of service, and continues to serve the military community through his work with AUSA.

The Retiree Appreciation Day is hosted by the Directorate of Human Resources Military and the Fort Dix Retiree Council.



Ryan Morton

**ID CHECK --** Coast Guard Port Security Specialist 2nd Class Jason Carty prepares to test an unknown substance during Hazardous Material Categorization (HAZCAT) training, Sept. 8 at Dix.

## Coast Guard adds chemistry to hazardous material training

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix offers training to all military — Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard. Yes, the Coast Guard has a significant presence here at Fort Dix is the headquarters for the Atlantic Strike Team (AST), which is part of the Coast Guard's National Strike Force.

It's an elite unit comprised of more than 40 active duty and 33 reserve Coast Guardsmen and women who train and remain ready to deploy at a moments notice to different areas across the country such as Maine, Min-

nesota, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In an unusual class Sept. 8, ten members of the AST participated in Hazardous Categorization (HAZCAT) training using what are described as "giant chemistry sets" to help them classify various substances to determine if they were poisonous or explosive.

"This is beneficial training for us because with the line of work we do, we have to be able to properly categorize and identify hazardous substances," said Coast Guard AST Lt. j.g. Brownie Kuk.

"We work with a lot of government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and

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# Missing, detained warriors lauded

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The Soldier's Creed states a warrior will, "never leave a fallen comrade."

In the melee of battle, the reality is that sometimes service members are taken prisoner, or killed and their remains are unable to be recovered.

But America does not forget those who have sacrificed their lives to keep her free.

To remind the world that

every effort is being made to remember and stay true to the Soldier's Creed and to honor those comrades who were detained or have yet to make it home, the country recognizes (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action) POW/MIA Recognition Day the third Friday in September.

Joseph O'Donnell was a 20 year-old, ball turret gunner on a B-17 bomber in 1944.

On May 10 O'Donnell and nine fellow crew members, were flying a mission over

Weiner Neustadt, Austria when they were shot down by the Germans. The pilot and one of the waist gunners perished in the incident, but O'Donnell managed to bail out of the plane.

"I bailed out, pulled the rip cord and the parachute opened. That was my greatest accomplishment in the military," said O'Donnell.

He evaded capture for 24 hours once on the ground, but was eventually found by German troops.

He was transported to Stalag Luft IV, a Prisoner of War Camp located in what is today Poland.

At the camp, small rooms meant to hold 16 people, overflowed with 30, bread contained sawdust and the occasional piece of glass, but the treatment according to O'Donnell was "tolerable."

On Feb. 6, 1945, that changed. The Russian army was quickly closing in on the camp, so the Germans ordered the prisoners on a march to another camp.

Under-nourished and under-dressed for the winter weather, the Soldiers began an 86 day march that took them over 600 miles into Germany. This march is known as the Shoe Leather Express.

British troops liberated O'Donnell and the other marchers on May 2. After recuperating in England, O'Donnell returned to the United States. But many Soldiers did not return home. Since World War II, nearly 88,000 American service men



courtesy photo



historic photo

**MARCHING INTO HISTORY** - Joe O'Donnell, top left, was 20 years old when his plane was shot down by the Germans in 1944. He was taken prisoner and on February 6, 1945 was forced by his captors to march 600 miles in 86 days. This march is now known as the Shoe Leather Express.

remain "unaccounted" for.

It has been 67 years, but Ensign Irving A.R. Thompson, Ensign Eldon P. Wyman and Fireman 2nd Class Lawrence Boxrucker finally came home from war.

On Sept. 4 the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced the return of the remains of the three World War II sailors who had previously been declared missing.

The U.S.S. Oklahoma was torpedoed and capsized during

the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. As a result, 429 Sailors and Marines perished, but only 36 were identified, the remaining 393 were buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

But modern science is an amazing thing. In 2003 an independent researcher contacted the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command with information he believed could be used to positively identify

one of the unknown casualties. The casket was exhumed and using mitochondrial DNA and dental comparison, Thompson, Wyman and Boxrucker were identified.

It is believed that with additional research at least 28 other men can be named.

POW/MIA Recognition Day falls on Sept. 19 this year.

It is one of six days throughout the year that Congress allows the flying of the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.



www.history.navy.mil

**INFANTRY** - Rescue teams work on the capsized hull of U.S.S. Oklahoma following the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. Of the 429 Sailors and Marines that perished aboard the Oklahoma, only 36 were identified. The rest were buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. Scientific advancements are now allowing for some of those remains to be identified.

## Training brings team-building bliss

This is the fourth in a series of articles describing personal experiences of Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris, formerly a civilian contractor with the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office and now serving with New Jersey National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team who recently completed training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and deployed to Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris  
50th IBCT Public Affairs

My original intent in writing this article was to answer the question, "What is mobilization training at Fort Bliss all about?"

I planned on detailing my experiences at Fort Bliss, Texas, and McGregor Base Camp, N.M., during the past 10 weeks. I would have talked about the Convoy Live-Fire exercise, Mounted and Dismounted Land Navigation, the Individual Movement Technique lane, Army Combatives and Tactical Iraqi Language training, among others.

The desert heat and barren landscape would have made hot topics, as would the tarantulas, snakes and scorpions that



Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris

**PHOTO FINISH** - Spc. John Schneider, 1st Lt. Douglas Coppola, Pfc. Jose Rodriguez and 1st Lt. Ismael Soler Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, from left, celebrate their victory in a relay race against the 50th IBCT's 250th Brigade Support Battalion at McGregor Base Camp, N.M.

call New Mexico home. And I not talked about the week-long Mission Readiness Exercise

that proved to the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) Soldiers, as well as to the First U.S. Army trainers, that the

brigade is well-prepared for its mission in Iraq.

I would have written about all these things, were it not for

an impromptu relay race between four Soldiers in the 50th IBCT's Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) and an equal number from the brigade's 250th Brigade Support Battalion.

I provided photographic coverage at the event, as I'd done many times before on my days off at McGregor. I didn't expect these photos to come out as good as most others I had shot during training - the race was held at night under poor lighting, and the Soldiers would be moving quickly.

Despite my low expectations, I showed up ready to shoot and did the best I could.

As predicted, my photos were dark, slightly grainy and not always focused or framed correctly due to the quickness with which these high-speed Soldiers moved. My pre-run assessment regarding photo results was dead-on.

What I failed to predict, however, was the genuine camaraderie, affection and pride I felt that night as I watched my fellow HHC Soldiers give their all. And I don't think I was alone in my feelings, judging by the cheers, handshakes and hugs offered in abundance and with sincerity

by throngs of Soldiers who postponed their nightly rituals of Web surfing, movie watching, and keeping in touch with family and friends to support their fellow 'Jersey Blues' troops.

Later that night, when I showed my lackluster photos to my fellow troops, they didn't even hear me as I tried to make excuses about poor lighting and such; they were too busy laughing and cheering as they relived the night's events. It was then I realized those dark, grainy photos were some of the best I'd ever shot.

I also realized that out of all the training we received, the most important thing we would take away from McGregor Base Camp is having come together as a team. That's not to take anything away from training; after all, just getting through some of the more difficult exercises can prove to be a bonding experience.

But I've learned something that can't be taught from a manual or issued on a hand receipt: I've learned to care about the Soldier to my left and to my right. And that's what mobilization training at Fort Bliss is all about.

## Facts can prevent deaths

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Army Behavioral Health Services

What can you do to save a life?

You can save a life. Know the facts about suicide not the rumors or myths. Show your care about your Battle Buddies. Ask about suicide and depression. Genuinely listen to what they have to say.

**Myths versus facts about suicide**

**Myth:** A bad situation or event can push a person to contemplate suicide.

**Fact:** Suicide results from a serious psychiatric disorder not just a single event or situation.

**Myth:** Once a person attempts suicide the shame will keep them from trying again.

**Fact:** The most common psychiatric disorders that end in suicide are Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Substance Abuse, Schizophrenia, and/or Personality Disorders, all of which can be recurring illnesses. If the person becomes seriously depressed again, the risk of suicide returns. People who attempt suicide and survive may try again.

**Myth:** People who talk about suicide do not complete suicide.

**Fact:** Many people who

die by suicide have given definite warning signs to family and friends of their intentions. Listen for comments like, "I can't go on any more" and "I want to die". Always take any comment about suicide seriously.

**Myth:** People who talk about suicide are only trying to get attention.

**Fact:** People who die by suicide usually talk about it first. They are in pain and often don't see a way out of the pain. They reach out because they do not see hope. Always take it seriously when someone talks about killing him or herself. Always act immediately. Always.

**Myth:** Asking a person if they are thinking about killing themselves will inspire them to commit suicide.

**Fact:** Studies show that people with depression may have these thoughts already and talking about them does not increase the risk of them taking their own lives. Have the courage to ask direct questions about suicide intent. Have the strength to act.

**Myth:** Suicide happens without warning.

**Fact:** Again, most individuals who are suicidal give many clues and warning signs regarding their suicidal

intent. You can save a life by attending to the signs and taking action. Some warning signs are: Making statements about suicide, acting impulsively, withdrawing from others, abusing alcohol or drugs, and facing what they feel is a failure.

**Myth:** Only certain genders, races and economic groups think about killing themselves.

**Fact:** People of all races, ethnic groups, incomes and education die by suicide. More males kill themselves by suicide but three times as many females attempt suicide.

**Studies show that in our lifetimes 60 percent of us will personally know someone who dies by suicide. Get to know the people around you. Talk to them. Give them a chance to share what's going on with them and share what's going on with you.**

**Myth:** Suicidal people want to die.

**Fact:** Most people who are suicidal are undecided about living or dying. This is called suicidal ambivalence. A part of them want to live. However, death seems like the only way out of their life circumstances, pain and suffering.

**Myth:** People who think about killing themselves are weak.

**Fact:** People who are con-

templating suicide are in pain not weak. Never leave a Buddy in pain alone.

**Myth:** There is no hope.

**Fact:** There is hope and help. Trained professionals are available at Army Behavioral Health Services, 754-9406; Army Alcohol Substance Assessment Program 562-4011; Chaplain services, 562-2620 and Military One Source, (800) 342-9647. The national suicide hotline is (800) 273-8255. Professionals are available to help.

**Myth:** There is nothing that I can do to prevent a suicide and save a life.

**Fact:** There is a lot that you can do.

Have the courage to ask about suicidal thoughts and intent. Genuinely listen to the answer. Show that you care and calmly control the situation. Escort your Battle Buddy to the chain of command, a chaplain, Behavioral Health Services professional, or a primary care provider.

Continue to be Army strong, take care of your Battle Buddy.

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# Kits vital to survival

Are you prepared to survive a natural or manmade disaster?

To fully prepare your family for an emergency, get one or more emergency kits that include enough supplies for at least three days. Keep a kit prepared at home and consider also having kits in your car, at work and a portable version in your home ready to take with you. These kits will enable you and your family to respond to an emergency more quickly. Your various emergency kits

will be useful whether you have to shelter in place or evacuate.

## What to Put in Your Basic Home Kit

Necessary for everyone:

- \* Water—at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days (Consider iodine and a filtration system to treat water if your supply runs out.)
- \* Food—nonperishable food for at least three days
- \* Manual can opener
- \* First aid kit

\* Prescription medications and medical equipment/care aids

- \* N95- or N100-rated dust masks
- \* Personal sanitation supplies, such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- \* Flashlight

\* Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and cell phone charger

\* All-hazards National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio

- \* Extra batteries
- \* Cash in the local currency
- \* Any tools needed for turning off utilities

\* Local maps and your family emergency plan

\* Your command reporting information

\* Important documents, including will, medical and financial power of attorney, property documents, medical instructions

\* Emergency preparedness handbook and any survival information that you would be comfortable using.

Additional items that you may need:

- \* Infant formula and diapers
- \* Pets supplies, including food, water, medication, leash, travel case and documents
- \* Reusable plates, paper cups, plastic utensils, saucenpan and portable stove
- \* Disinfectant
- \* Matches or flint in a waterproof container
- \* Sleeping bag or other weather-appropriate bedding for each person
- \* A weather-appropriate change of clothes for each person
- \* Coats, jackets and rain gear
- \* Fire extinguisher
- \* Paper and pencil
- \* Books, games, puzzles, toys and other activities for children
- \* Any items necessary for a specific type of disaster

Additional items that can be essential for those stationed abroad:

- \* Passports
- \* Birth abroad certificates for children born overseas
- \* Cash in the local currency
- \* Card with local translations of basic terms

\* Electrical current converter and plug adapters

## Portable Emergency Kit

\* Take this kit with you when you are ordered to evacuate.

\* Place items in a designated area that will be easily accessible in the event of an emergency.

\* Make sure every member of your family knows where the kit is.

\* If you are required to shelter in place, keep this kit with you.

\* Consider adding enough supplies to last two weeks.

## Workplace Emergency Kit

\* This kit should be in one container to be kept at your work station in case you must evacuate from work.

\* Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes at your work place

in case you have to walk long distances.

\* This kit should include at least food, water and a first aid kit.

\* Make sure you include your family's communications procedure.

## Vehicle Emergency Kit

\* In the event that you are stranded while driving, keep this kit in your vehicle at all times.

\* This kit should contain a minimum food, water, a first aid kit, signal flares, jumper cables and seasonal clothing (coats, rain gear).

\* Make sure you include your family's communications procedure.

## Maintaining Your Kits

\* Routinely evaluate your kits and their relevance to the threats in your area.

\* Throw away and replace any expired or damaged medications, food or water.

\* Get in the habit of recharging your cell phone regularly and consider buying an extra battery or external power source. This may be your only means of communication.

Where to Find Additional Information:

\* American Red Cross—[www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0\\_91\\_00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_91_00.html)

\* Department of Homeland Security [www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html](http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html)

\* [www.ready.gov/america/downloads/checklist.pdf](http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/checklist.pdf)

\* Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

It's up to you.

Prepare strong. Get an emergency supply kit with enough supplies for at least three days, make an emergency plan with your family and be informed about what might happen.

At the top of your plan should be how you will communicate with other family members in case of emergency and where you will meet if you are separated during an event.

## POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of Aug. 11 through 17.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police at the Wrightstown Gate were approached by a civilian, NAFD, who stated an unknown recruiter had advised him to enter the installation to get a free meal. A check of the subject revealed two outstanding warrants from West Deptford Township. West Deptford was contacted and declined to pick up the subject. The subject was denied entry to the installation and released.

●Police and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident on Range Road. Investigation revealed a motorcycle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, lost control on a curve and crashed. The operator suffered scrapes and cuts and was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to Toms River Community Hospital for further treatment. The motorcycle was secured for safekeeping.

●Police responded to an incident at Bldg. 8651. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had forced entry into a contractor trailer and also took fuel from an unsecured tank. Investigation continues.

●Police and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident on Cookstown Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman NAFD, struck a tree during a training exercise. A passenger in the vehicle suffered a possible neck injury and was stabilized at the scene and transported by ambulance to VMHBC.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on Julietstown Road. Investigation revealed a tactical vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a tree after the operator put the vehicle in reverse instead of drive. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator.

●Police responded to a report of a cat stuck in the engine compartment of a vehicle near Bldg. 5644. Investigation revealed the animal was not stuck.

●Police responded to a report of a streaker running down Range Road. A check of the area met with negative findings.

●While on routine patrol, police discovered an illegally parked vehicle in the Visitor Center parking lot. Investigation revealed the vehicle, owned by a civilian NAFD, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5517. Investigation revealed the alarm to be false.

●Police and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident on 8th Street. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, left the roadway on a turn and struck a fence. Both the fence and the vehicle sustained significant damage. The subject refused medical treatment and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a vehicle on fire at the mobile MOUT site. Investigation revealed that during training a smoke grenade had been thrown under a vehicle used for training. The vehicle was smoldering and a small fire was extinguished by the Fire Department.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5517. Investigation revealed no cause for the alarm.

●Police responded to a request for assistance from Pemberton Township Police. Investigation revealed a large scale fight was in progress on Trenton Road in Browns Mills. Police assisted with crowd control without incident.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to an audible fire alarm at Bldg. 5952. Investigation revealed no cause for the alarm.

●Police responded to an incident on Doughboy Loop. Investigation revealed a tree had fallen across the roadway. A work crew responded and removed the debris.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at the Main Shopette. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, struck another vehicle. Both vehicles were backing from parking spots at the time. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 4429. Investigation revealed the alarm was caused by a surge in the system.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5991. Investigation revealed the alarm had been inadvertently activated.

●There were three expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were eight Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at nine for the year.

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**HARD CORPS** — Flanked by Master Sgt. Darren Johnson, 444th MPAD, Kevin Thompson, left, and Cpt. Peter Webster, right, Installation Support Battalion (ISB) Operations Officer Maj. John McKee, bareless, reviews the day's triumphs and blunders in an After Action Report (AAR) detailing Lanes Training undertaken by over 80 Soldiers from the 1079th ISB on a muggy June 21, 2003.



**CALL TO ARMS** — Master Sgt. Kathy LaMotta, front right, collects signatures from 1079th GSU Soldiers picking up activation orders during their January 2003 drill weekend. More than 100 Soldiers from the 1079th were activated on Jan. 11, the third cycle to be called up since 9/11.

## Saluting the pride of Fort Dix: A personal memoir of the 1079th Garrison Support Unit

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

I never intended to join the Army Reserve. But you know what they say about the best laid plans of mice and men.

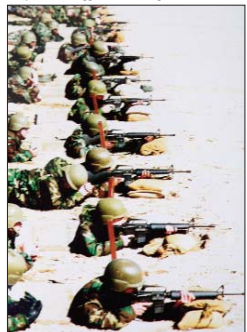
A member of the regular Army stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, I was having the time of my life when the politicians decided to derive a benefit from the end of the Cold War by cutting the U.S. military in 1993. Despite wails and lamentations from dozens of bartenders, I was among those rifled in what promised to be a brave, new post-Cold War world. Leaving the Army in September 1993 I knew one thing — I didn't want to throw retirement pay away after slugging through 13 years of active duty.

Accordingly, I joined an Army Reserve unit located in Indianapolis Gap (near Harrisburg, Pa.) because a job slot in my MOS was available. I was once more a journalist, this time with the 1079th Garrison Support Unit (GSU). I began in January 1994. It was my first drill weekend in the Army Reserve.

The 1079th had been formed in 1986, I learned, and it's mission was to specialize in processing Soldiers, funneling all their paperwork and training prior to mobilization, mostly to places hostile to American interests.



After caging a ride with Sgt. 1st Class Dave Lehman from our mutual homes in Williamsport to the Gap, we arrived Friday night and immediately toured night life hot spots where I was introduced to Yangmang beer, a delightful surprise in a wooded area not noted for cultural largesse.



Standing in calf-deep snow the following morning was nothing but a downer. People seemed friendly but all I could think about was Stuttgart. The head of 1079th's MPs, Maj. Stephen Cashman, introduced himself. He told me to hang loose, I'd enjoy myself as the unit was a good one whose members both worked and played very hard.

He was right but first claustrophobia struck. The entire company operated out of a huge complex of offices which were entirely inside. Halls twisted around and it seemed like you had to sneak outside. Fortunately, we moved to a set of buildings on the east side of post after a few months. Here, you could breathe. I gathered information for our company newsletter, *The Pirate's Pen*. There was just enough photography to keep in shape but writing was restricted due to lack of space.

Still, Sgt. 1st Class Jullian Yavor was my boss and a good egg. So was Maj. Olivia Jones and a younger comrade, Sgt. Bill Steigewald. What did we could with the newsletter but I never got used to constantly being yanked out to muster for accountability.

I noticed, too, that many Reservists didn't seem to have a very clear picture of how the full-time Army operated. You'd see weekend warriors strutting around but wouldn't always receive a finished product from them.

Before boredom set in I managed to swing a three-week trip to Germany, this time to the training area at Grafenwoehr. I accompanied the 326 MPAD out of Reading, Pa., got to see some old friends at Darmstadt who were still trying out the Stars & Stripes there, and spent a nice day in Nuremberg.

Then, early in 1995, I hooked up for a five-month tour in Guatemala, immediately south of Mexico, with elements of the 88th U.S. Army Reserve Command out of Fort Snelling in St. Paul.

Guatemala blew my mind.

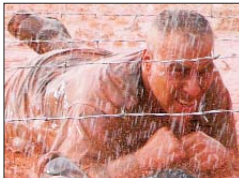
**Guatemalan delights**

I covered engineering and medical exercises conducted by National Guard and Reserve troops alike, both for training and humanitarian missions. And I sampled the breathtaking beauty of the country along with the good will of its people in trips exploring everything from the old capital at Antigua to the volcanoes-shrouded Lake Atitlan, from majestic Mayan Indian ruins at Tikal to outdoor lunches in cantinas surrounding Jalapa, where our base camp was.

Returning stateside after five months south of the border, I took in annual training (AT) at Indiantown Gap, writing newsletters before joggling and hitting the outdoor pool there daily before finishing the night at "Club Golem," our makeshift club run by Sgt. 1st Class Gloria Wright where the chessboards and beer never ran out and the opposite sex always looked better at closing time.



The next year saw about half of the 1079th mobilize from June through September at Fort Dix. Our mission involved helping process Soldiers mobilizing to Bosnia for Operation Determined Effort.

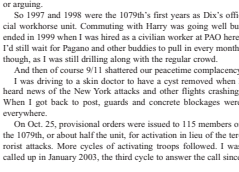


Major Harry Pagano and I decided, then, to come with the 1079th when it moved its base of operations here in 1997. Harry was familiar with the post and we both preferred running around New Jersey to rotating away from some army in an obscure town in Pennsylvania. Although we didn't relish commuting 225 miles one-way to Dix there were two of us to share the driving and keep the BS flying. We wound up spending most of our drives laughing or arguing.

So 1997 and 1998 were the 1079th's first years as Dix's official workhorse unit. Commuting with Harry was going well but ended in 1999 when I was hired as a civilian worker at PAD here. I'd still wait for Pagano and other buddies to pull in every month, though, as I was still drilling along with the regular crowd.

And then of course 9/11 shattered our peacetime complacency. I was driving to a skin doctor to have a cyst removed when I heard news of the New York attacks and other flights crashing. When I got back to post, guards and concrete blockages were everywhere.

On Oct. 25, provisional orders were issued to 115 members of the 1079th, or about half the unit, for activation in lieu of the terrorist attacks. More cycles of activating troops followed. I was called up in January 2003, the third cycle to answer the call since



And our three months in the summer of '96 paid other dividends. Standing in calf-deep snow the following morning was nothing but a downer. People seemed friendly but all I could think about was Stuttgart. The head of 1079th's MPs, Maj. Stephen Cashman, introduced himself. He told me to hang loose, I'd enjoy myself as the unit was a good one whose members both worked and played very hard.



**LEAN AND MEAN** — Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Merritt, arm raised, leads his troops on a PT run. Merritt served as command sergeant major for the 1079th and MRB at Fort Dix from August 2000 to November 2003. Beginning in October 2001 when many 1079th Soldiers were mobilized, Merritt became the Installation Support Battalion's first command sergeant major, overseeing the battalion's transition from provisional to active duty.



**COMMAND AND CONTROL** — Col. Emil Philibosian checks with his Command Sergeant Major, Shirley Munster, during a break in the action at a change of command for the 77th RSC at Fort Totten in May of 2001. Both served lengthy tours in the 1079th GSU. Philibosian not only commanded the 1079th for years but also served as a deputy installation commander here and became the Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs in New Jersey's department of military affairs in 2003 before retiring in 2007.

9/11. All but 23 of our 260 Soldiers were activated by then. And it took very little time for newly full-time Soldiers to jump into their jobs. Our unit, after all, had been doing all kinds of processing exercises since 1997 at Fort Dix and basically the same kinds of training since I arrived in 1994. The 1079th's mission was to augment the civilian staff here to swiftly and effectively mobilize Reserve and Guard units rushing overseas to take on the enemy.

For me, activation meant wearing a uniform to work every day, getting used to battalion runs early in the mornings, working with 16 sometimes volatile personalities from the 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment of the New Jersey National Guard in our very small office on Pennsylvania Avenue, learning to endure what seemed like endless sessions writing and re-writing NCOERs which, in my opinion, were vastly overrated as a management tool, and hand-charging through field exercises which, a little surprisingly, I still enjoyed. I noticed that many of the bumptious types in our unit managed to maintain profiles that kept them from the field.

**Flapping jaws**

I remember yelling back and forth at 1st Sgt. Richard Font, whose loud advice, I felt, was distracting from my rifle performance on qualifications. Font thought he was keeping me awake. He was quite a trip. And an excellent top kick.

I got a kick out of Col. Emil Philibosian, also.

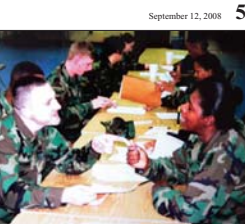
One instance sticks in my mind. We were having one of our "dining-in" formal military meals at Club Dix. Philibosian apparently got bored because I saw him handling the s's angle a blonde in the Blue room next door. Now that's class. If you're bored, take off. Ever since then, he's been one of my heroes.

I admitted others in our unit, too, who were making genuine sacrifices to serve. Staff Sgt. Gary Feltin, who worked the Emergency Operations Center when activated here, came very close to losing his construction business in Pinckney (near Trenton) and may eventually have done so. Sgt. Carl Oliver from Trenton worked in billfolding here before joining another unit where he lost some fingers in a blade from a roadside bomb in Iraq.

I suspect others who served in the 1079th wouldn't have had it any other way, either. Team Dix salutes them.



**RAFT RESCUES** — New skills were put to use in a new form of PT pioneered by members of the 1079th GSU and other Soldiers at a beach used in an exercise at Dogwood Pond on Sept. 3, 2004. The team had to conduct a dry launch, paddle across the pond, rescue an aircrew and its black box and return to its starting position. Members included (l., above) Staff Sgt. Frank Flowers, 1079th GSU; Sgt. Shauna Reiter, 1079th GSU; Alanya Oler, 97th GM Co.; Sgt. Nina Madala, 97th GSU; Sgt. George Godfrey, 97th GSU; and Aldea Johnson, 1079th and Capt. Charles Weka from the 656th ASG.



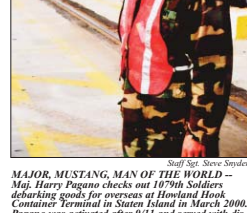
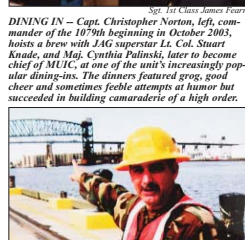
**PROCESSING IS OUR PRODUCT** — Sgt. Margaret Frasier, right, was among 240 Soldiers from the 1079th who executed a mock mobilization exercise, Operation Optimal Focus, on March 4, 2000 at the Soldier Readiness Center on Baltimore Avenue here. The drill was designed to enhance Fort Dix's capacity to project military muscle across the globe. Such exercises kept Soldiers from the 1079th, who were involved in processing, sharp enough to cut the mustard for the real thing after 9/11.



**KUDOS FROM THE COMMANDER** — Staff Sgt. Steve Snyder, Commander Col. David Lowry, left, congratulates Lt. Col. Douglas Dinon, 1079th Garrison Support Unit executive officer, after awarding the unit Fort Dix's highest honor, a statue of the Ultimate Weapon, on a drill weekend in October 2001 after about half the 1079th was mobilized in response to 9/11. A West Point graduate, former Army Ranger, and holder of an MBA from the Chicago U., Dinon had a lot to do with the unit's success.



**STRAIGHT SHOOTER** — Master Sgt. Robert McLaheny worked at the Emergency Operations Center for Fort Dix's Force Projection Directorate while he was here in the early 2000s and the Vietnam veteran also brought home many trophies captured during Army pistol competitions over the years.



**DINING IN** — Capt. Christopher Norton, left, commander of the 1079th beginning in October 2003, hosts a brew with JAG superstar Lt. Col. Stuart Knudle, and Maj. Cynthia Palinski, later to become chief of MUC, at one of the unit's increasingly popular dining-ins. The dinners featured good, good cheer and sometimes feeble attempts at humor but succeeded in building camaraderie of a high order.



**MAJOR, MUSTANG, MAN OF THE WORLD** — Maj. Harry Pagano checks out 1079th Soldiers debarking goods for overseas at Howland Hook Container Terminal in Staten Island in March 2000. Pagano was activated after 9/11 and served with distinction at the Soldier Readiness Center on Baltimore Avenue. A veteran of basic training at Fort Dix in 1971, Pagano was among the few who came down with the 1079th when the unit left Fort Indiantown Gap in 1997 for Fort Dix.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Pentagon memorial displays cost of freedom

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON, Sep. 04, 2008 - The Pentagon Memorial — scheduled to be dedicated on the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack — is a reminder that “each generation inherits freedom, and it’s up to each generation to protect it and pass it along,” a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Retired Marine Gen. Peter Pace, who served as vice chairman and then as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2001 to 2007, said the memorial will be a place where Americans can learn of the people who lost their lives in the attack on the Pentagon and learn from them for years to come.

Pace was the commander of U.S. Southern Command and was on a visit to Bogota, Colombia, on Sept. 11, 2001. He already had been nominated to be the vice chairman. He

said that days later, when he arrived at the Pentagon and saw the area where Flight 78 hit, he felt anger at the loss of innocent lives both in the building and aboard the plane.

“My second feeling was frustration at having spent my adult life defending the United States and having something like this happen here and in New York and in Pennsylvania,” he said during a recent interview.

He vowed “to do all I could to prevent a re-occurrence.”

As a lieutenant, Pace fought in Vietnam. He thought he was fighting so his children and grandchildren wouldn’t have to fight. The attacks of Sept. 11 brought home to him that it doesn’t work that way, he said.

“We fight, we preserve our nation’s liberties, not so our sons and daughters and grandchildren won’t have to fight, but rather so they have something worth fighting for,” he explained.

Seven years after the attacks that stunned the United States,

Americans are impatient. “You can understand impatience,” Pace said. “The American people see ourselves as a friendly nation, we see ourselves as not wanting to do harm to anyone in the world.” Americans still have a tough time understanding that there are people in the world who want to do Americans harm, the general added.

“I think we forget that the enemy has declared war on us,” he said.

The dialogue Americans should have is not whether the country should be at war or not — the enemy already has made that point moot, he noted.

“Rather, the dialogue is really about — here we take our stand,” he said. “Do we take our stand in Iraq, in Afghanistan, or do we take it somewhere else?”

Al-Qaida has a 100-year plan to destroy the United States as a nation and to take away the rights of free people, Pace said. “We have to decide where in the 100 years we are going to do something about it, and I believe we have to begin the

right steps,” he said.

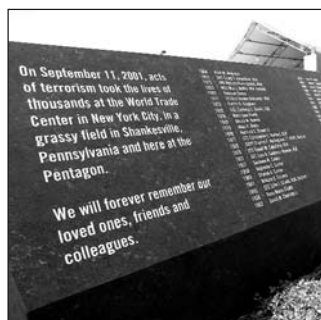
The security situation in Iraq is improving, he said. That the United States made mistakes in the country early is evident, “but we learned from those mistakes and changed,” he said.

Americans must be more patient to confront this threat, he said.

“I can understand the individuals who are frustrated with the pace of the war,” he said, “but if you look at any conflict in history — especially any terrorist conflict — it’s measured in decades, not in days.”

The Pentagon Memorial will graphically illustrate to generations of Americans the idea that freedom isn’t free, the general said.

“It’s a place where folks — years from now — who have no recollection of what happened here that day will have a chance to reflect on it, to learn about it, to understand that our fellow citizens sacrificed their lives here that they and their future generations might live free.”



Staff Sgt. Michael J. Carden

**A STURDY REMINDER** — An entry stone at the Pentagon Memorial lists the names of 184 victims — 125 Pentagon employees and 59 American Airlines Flight 77 passengers — who lost their lives during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. A day Americans will forever remember.

## Mall hosts Army Experience Center in Philadelphia

**Wayne Cook**  
Public Affairs Staff

Walk into the Franklin Mills Mall red entrance in Northeast Philadelphia and directly in front of you is this very streamlined, high-tech, all glass-wind-dosed store front.

It is not so much the store front that is so unique but the establishment inside and what is sold that is exclusively different.

This is the home of the Army Experience Center, a new and innovative program to help inform the public what today’s Army is all about.

The center opened August 29, just 10 months after Maj. Larry Dillard, Jr., military assistant, Office of the Chief Marketing Officer, the Pentagon, pitched the project to the Secretary of the Army. The concept progressed from slide presentation to reality in six months when the location was finally settled upon.

“We selected Philadelphia because it’s a really large metropolitan area without a heavy military presence immediately nearby. We were looking for someplace that had a great ethnically diverse population with



Jennifer McCarthy

**HIGH TECH LOCATOR** — Maj. Larry Dillard, Jr., military assistant, Army Experience Center, explains the capabilities of the Global Installation Locator, an interactive video display where visitors can look up information about Army installations around the world.

representation from all social and economic classes. We find that about 30 percent of Army recruits live within 50 miles of a base but everyone else doesn’t get that much exposure to the Army,” said Dillard.

“We chose the Franklin Mills Mall because of the retail and entertainment facilities here. It is a ‘destination mall.’ We conducted focus groups

Army Experience Center was built in a place where you could experience the Army without being hammered with Army.

The center is set in a store space roughly the size of three basketball courts, separated into areas for nearly 80 gaming stations, a mock command center, interview rooms and three simulators. There is a large central area filled with lounge chairs where visitors can rest and listen to the stories of the Soldier employees’ Army lives.

The gaming area features stations where visitors can play role games or interactive military games and sometimes Madden Football.

The simulators include mockups of an Apache helicopter (with all of the controls for flying and being the gunner), a Blackhawk helicopter, and a Humvee. Each simulator has a pre-planned mission which the user must accomplish such as escorting and defending a convoy in a mountain village.

The “Control Center” is set up with multiple large screens on the front wall where scenarios are played out and soon visitors will be able to actually fly

simulated unmanned aerial vehicles during mock missions.

“Our hypothesis is that people will come in to have fun but can’t help to be exposed to what is going on in the Army. Our services are entirely free to the public,” Dillard said.

Dillard has other plans for the space including working programs with the local schools and other organizations to make the space available for tutoring and other events. While visitors are in the center they may take the opportunity to use one of the interactive touch screens that list every Army installation in the world or gives information on 179 MOSs and has accompanying videos with Soldiers who have performed in the different areas.

“The barriers are all glass because we want everything to be visible.”

The center is staffed by a mix of Soldiers, sales personnel and customer service representatives. Some of the staff members are recruiters but the center is not technically a recruiting station, although they can assist visitors who have questions about the Army and possibly joining.

“We have interview rooms here where parents and their interested children can sit down with one of our recruiters and ask more specific questions and get further help,” Dillard said. Passers-by stop by the center in the mall and look through the walls to cast a curious glance around, wondering about the high-tech facility.

“The barriers are all glass because we want everything to be visible.”

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## MilitaryOneSource offers new service

DoD announced today that the MilitaryOneSource service has established a Wounded Warrior Resource Center telephone number and e-mail address for service members and their families, if they have concerns or other difficulties during their recovery process.

Service members and their family members can now call (800) 342-9647 or e-mail [wwrc@militaryonesource.com](mailto:wwrc@militaryonesource.com) 24/7 to request support. Assistance provided by the resource center will not replace the specialized wounded warrior programs established by each of

the military services, but it will offer another avenue of assistance for military facilities, health care services, and/or benefits information.

“The department is committed to aggressively addressing the needs of our service members and their families,” said Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates.

Specially trained consultants will ensure consistent, quality customer-centric support. The consultants will identify the appropriate “warm hand-off” to either a military service or federal agency with

authority to resolve the matter. The resource center consultant will maintain communication with the caller until the issue or concern is resolved.

“The term ‘wounded warrior’ encompasses the entire population of wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans,” said Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Michael L. Dominguez.

The Wounded Warrior Resource Center meets the requirements of Section 1616 of the “National Defense

Authorization Act Fiscal Year 2008” for a centralized number and ensures wounded families and caregivers have a number to call at any time.



# Guard wraps McGregor training

**Spc. Bill Addison**  
50th IBCT Public Affairs

While the individual units of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) hit ground at McGregor Base Camp, N.M. on separate days, they did so with a single focus: Training.

Since then, the Brigade - comprised of approximately 3,000 New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and more than 250 Michigan National Guard Soldiers - has been deeply engrossed in the rigorous McGregor training regimen.

Now, after more than two months, it's all come to an end.

One of the highlights of training was Combat Life Saver (CLS) where Soldiers had the unique opportunity to experience a high-intensity, full-speed lane to test their newly acquired lifesaving skills.

"When you do it in a classroom environment, you're doing it step-by-step and slow; out here, you don't have time to worry about steps, you just have to do it, so there's a lot of stress involved," said Sgt. 1st Class Tom Falconer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 50th IBCT.

And that's exactly the goal, according to Sgt. 1st Class Vance Switzer, CLS coordina-

tor for 5th Armored Brigade's Taskforce Redball.

"It's a very challenging thing to take the lessons from the book and apply them to a group and actually make you perform to a time hack and to a standard," he said.

Training also included Close Quarters Combat, an urban assault course aimed at teaching Soldiers search and security skills.

"It's real intense training because they're preparing us for where we need to go," said Sgt. Delroy Escoffery, a team leader with Bravo Troop, 102nd Cavalry Squadron.

"It will definitely help us because it's for security, and

that's what it's all about; security," he said.

Another aspect of the overall training, Convoy Live Fire (CLF), encompassed mounted convoy maneuvers, reaction to improvised explosive devices, medevac procedures and engaging targets with live ammunition while moving.

Staff Sgt. David Miller, a CLF instructor with 5th Armored's Taskforce Red Hawk, said that with live-fire exercises, safety is key.

"The last thing you need is an injury out on the training lane," he said. "We ensure proper measures of safety and make sure what needs to be done is done safely out here."

Miller said that success on his lane, like most things in the Army, is dependent on communication.

Success is a word 50th IBCT Soldiers have become accustomed to during their stay at McGregor, and the training they received has helped prepare them as they move toward the next stage of their mission.



1st Sgt. David Moore, 50th IBCT Public Affairs

**GOOD TO GO** — Col. Steve Ferrari, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) commander, leads the way during the Brigade's farewell ceremony Aug. 22 at McGregor Base Camp, N.M. The 50th IBCT is undergoing mobilization training in preparation for deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Soldiers who redeployed from a combat zone more than 90 days ago are eligible for the

## ARMY POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT

The Army Post-Deployment Health Reassessment provides you with:

- The opportunity to learn more about some of the common experiences Soldiers face after returning from operational deployments and how to address them
- Help in identifying your health and re-adjustment concerns early so you can resolve problems before they could manifest into something more serious
- Peace of mind for your Family and loved ones, which is an important part of your own well-being
- Confidence in knowing that trained professionals will assist you in receiving any care you may need.

For more information visit <http://thp.osd.mil/pdhrainfo> or the "PDHRA for Soldiers" page in AKO.

## Coast Guard chemistry —

(continued from page 1) many times we'll have to go in and identify unknown drums and chemicals. This kind of class really helps us to be able to do our jobs when the time calls for it," he said.

This training, according to instructor, Michael Kotowski, emphasizes that detection is paramount in the process.

"Identifying the material is the most essential element in hazardous material response," he said.

With the range of testing called "main gateway tests" completed, personnel can determine sooner, rather than later, if there are hazardous materials present. The students were given three substances: sugar, flour, and sodium cyanide. Not knowing what the substances were beforehand, the tests mentioned above were performed to determine composition and if they presented any threat.

The well-trained and equipped students knew precisely what to look for as they

performed primary analysis and other tests for pH and water solubility. These tests determined the composition of each of the substances and the Coast

Guardsmen and women gained an increased knowledge and understanding of what to look for should a real world situation present itself.



Ryan Morton

**TEST TUBE TRIAL** — Coast Guard Marine Science Technician 3rd Class Carol Baille runs a test on a 'mysterious' substance during Hazardous Categorization (HAZCAT) training, on Sept. 8.

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Operation Rising Star to held at the Club

Round One of the musical competition, Operation Rising Star will be held at Club Dix, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. To compete singers must be Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard or military family members at least 18 years old. Audience members will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite performance. There will be cash prizes awarded to the top three Fort Dix contestants. Prizes will also be awarded to voting audience members. The second and third rounds of the competition will be held Sept. 19 and Sept. 26. A \$300 prize will be awarded locally for the most supportive Unit or Family Readiness Group. For more information call 562-6772.

### Hispanic Heritage Festival coming to Doughboy Field

The Fort Dix Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held Sept. 27 from noon to 5 p.m. at Doughboy Field. This event will feature live music of Raul Acosta and Oro Solido and special appearances by Frankie Negrón, Irving Noboa and Bachata Assur and comedy by Lilegamos. The event is free and open to the public. Food and beverage will be available to purchase. For more information call 562-6772.

### Television show tracing Fort Dix history set to air

The PBS show, History Detectives will air a show on Sept. 15 at 9 p.m. about a World War II veteran from Chico, Calif. who owns a unique souvenir from his time as a young GI. While stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he picked up a 16-inch acetate recording of a promo for a soldier musical called "Hi Yank."

The recording starts with a director's introduction explaining the musical is a "blueprint special" created by GIs for GIs to be performed anywhere in the world. Our contributor has heard of United Service Organization shows to support troops by boosting morale, but never a "blueprint special" musical.

History Detectives meets with U.S. Army archivists and historians to find out if this disk was connected to the American war effort.

### Job Fair set at Club Dix Sept. 17

The Job Fair Company and Fort Dix Employment Readiness program will host a recruiting fair Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Dix. More than 20 businesses and agencies will be on hand seeking to fill vacancies. Those interested in attending should bring resumes and dress for the type of job they are seeking. For more information, call Donna Brady, 800-632-5532.

### Issues sought for AFAP Conference

The Army Family Action Plan Conference will be held Oct. 23 at Timmermann Center. Members of the Fort Dix community, Soldiers, employees, family members, residents and retirees are invited to let Army leadership know what works, what doesn't and what can be done to fix it. Please submit your comments to Fran Booth at frances.booth@us.army.mil.

### Thrift Shop accepting Fall clothing consignments

The Fort Dix Thrift shop is now accepting Fall clothing consignments. Consignments are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments are also available by calling 723-2683.

The Thrift shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the first and third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Wednesday of the month from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call 723-2683.

### Volunteers needed for speaking engagements

The Fort Dix Public Affairs Office is looking for officer and senior NCO volunteers to help us in our community relations efforts by becoming part of our speaker's bureau. Please call Gerry Zanzalari at 562-4034 for more information.

### Gerry Zanzalari Public Affairs Staff

Five fallen heroes were honored Sept. 5 with the naming of streets in Fort Dix's Laurel Hill housing area.

Col. Larry C. Boyd, acting installation commander, along with guest speaker retired Col. Mike Warner, former Fort Dix commander, and Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young, command sergeant major for Mobilization, hosted a ceremony honoring Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice by naming streets for the individual Soldiers.

The invocation was offered by Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman.

Families were on hand for the ceremony and to receive plaques replicating the signs placed on each dedicated street and to view the actual street sign. Streets were named in honor of: Staff Sgt. Edward Karolasz, 101st Airborne Division; Spc. Yoe M. Aneiros, 1st Armored Division; Spc. Anthony J. Dixon, 1st Infantry Division; Spc. Adam Froehlich, 1st Infantry Division, and Spc. David P. Mahlenbrock, 25th Infantry Division.

Each family was escorted to the awards table and presented with a plaque by Boyd and Warner.

"They have put their boots on the ground where it counts. They have fought and sacrificed for the freedoms that we enjoy as American citizens. Honoring those who answer the call to duty is the finest way to pay tribute to their many sacrifices for

us," said Boyd.

Warner offered the following: "They epitomize the very core of our Soldiers Creed. For those of us who have served and are still serving, the Soldiers Creed – 119 words, 13 sentences – define who we are as Soldiers and who we are as leaders. These Soldiers epitomized the Soldiers Creed. I cannot think of any profession that puts such difficult choices in front of our young men on a daily basis."

Those gathered for the ceremony included Col. Balan Ayyar, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, local and state dignitaries, and other representatives from the Army, Air Force and Air National Guard.

Staff Sgt. Edward Karolasz, born Oct. 25, 1980, was from Kearny. He enlisted in the Army shortly after graduating high school, and had always dreamed of joining the military. Karolasz was killed Nov. 19, 2005, by a roadside bomb near Bayji, Iraq. He is survived by his parents Edward and Krystyna, his sisters Kristine and Donna, his brother John and niece Brianna.

Spc. Yoe M. Aneiros, from Newark, was born Sept. 7, 1984. He enlisted in the Army in September 2002, hoping the military could help him achieve his dream of becoming a doctor. He was killed in Baghdad on his twentieth birthday, when his vehicle came under attack. He is survived by his wife Alexandra, and his mother Clara Gonzalez.

Spc. Anthony J. Dixon, born April



Jennifer Chupko

**STREET CEREMONY --** The family of Spc. Anthony Dixon, from left, brother Alex Jr., mother Jacqueline, father Alex Sr., and sisters Kim and Mary stand on Dixon Way, a street named after the 20-year-old Soldier who died Aug. 1, 2004 in Iraq.

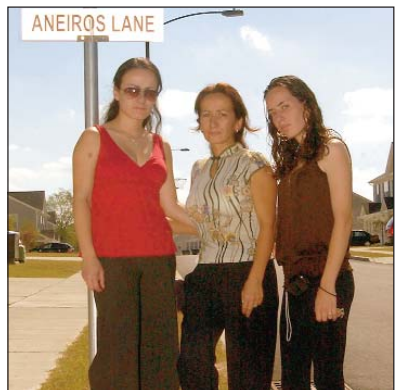
6, 1984, was from Lindenwood. He died Aug. 1, 2004, when a bomb exploded near his guard post in Samarra, Iraq. He was the youngest of five children, which include Kim, Celesta, Alex Jr., and Mary.

Spc. Adam Froehlich, from Pine Hill, was born May 10, 1982. He decided to join the Army after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He died March

25, 2004, in a roadside explosion. He is survived by his parents, Steve and Rose, and his brother Jeff.

Spc. David P. Mahlenbrock, from Maple Shade, was born April 2, 1984. He died Dec. 3, 2004, while clearing

a route in Kirkuk, Iraq. He is survived by his wife Melissa, daughter Kadence, his father Russell, and his brothers Christopher and Andrew.



Wayne Cook

**FAMILY SIGNS --** Five Soldiers killed in Iraq were remembered Sept. 5, by having streets in the Laurel Hill housing area named in their memory. The families of the Soldiers were at the street naming ceremony, and were presented with a plaque replica of the actual street sign. The wife of Spc. Yoe M. Aneiros, Alexandra, left in above photo, her mother Alexandra Amabile, and her sister Raquel Salas; Edward and Krystyna Karolasz, parents of Staff Sgt. Edward Karolasz, above middle photo; and Steven and Rose Froehlich, parents of Spc. Adam Froehlich, stand in front of the street signs which bear the name of their Soldier.



Training Support Center



Ryan Morton

## Skies the limit with SKIES program

### Lisa Evans Public Affairs Staff

Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills – SKIES, is a program filling a void older military generations didn't even realize was there. SKIES at Fort Dix offers classes in sports, arts, life skills and academics to the children of Fort Dix and McGuire through Child and Youth Services.

The program encourages children to discover innate talents, improve on known talents, and generally have a lot of fun while they learn.

Monica Hill is the program manager for the SKIES program on Fort Dix. Hill began her new job in March 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Workforce Education and a Master's degree in Nonprofit Management. She is currently taking classes for Out of School Time Learning for a graduate certificate. Before this program, Hill volunteered with the Family Support Group offering interview and resume classes.

"I am the first Instructional Program Specialist for Fort Dix," Hill said. "According to the manual, SKIES is supposed to be a catalyst for helping youth to develop socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically. My passion is for the youth."

SKIES is an Army wide program that is designed to fill in gaps in the youth sports programs. By offering classes in arts, such as dance and music, and sports, such as karate, SKIES provides a wider variety of experience to military families. There are regulations to meet – SKIES must offer two classes each from arts,

sports, life skills and academics each session.

The idea behind SKIES is to create a rewarding experience for both the child and the parent. Parents see different aspects of their children in different instructional environments.

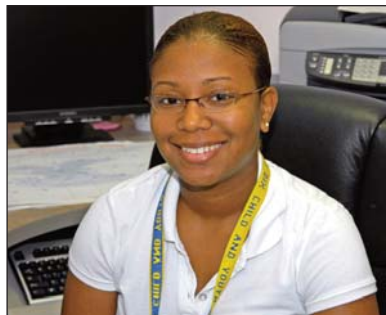
"Some of the parents that have enrolled their kids in gymnastics are seeing their natural talents come out. They're getting to see natural talents at the age of three or four. The same is true for ballet," Hill said of the parents she had talked with.

The program has proven very popular with residents of Fort Dix and McGuire. Hill says she hopes to see even more participation.

"Families moving from McGuire to Fort Dix is opening up a whole new audience for SKIES and we're hopeful about that," Hill stated. "I would like to see more of the parents take advantage of these programs to give their children more exposure to the different talents and skills they may have."

CYS has fee-based contracts with outside companies to offer instructional programs. LLC is an outside company that comes in and offers programs on the installation through Anderson Marshall Arts and EnVisions gymnastics. These venues offer gymnastics and martial arts at reduced fees for a family with a member in the military. Hill said that prices for these services are cheaper than off post and one program CYS has is a program for deployed members that can offer up to four months free.

Other contracts for SKIES services are with individual contractors who must have personal insurance



**BRIDGING THE GAP --** Monica Hill, program manager for the SKIES program, which bridges academics and sports.

and cannot advertise outside of the contract with CYS. CYS does a complete background check and all instructors must fill out a contractor application. Once contracted, instructors are considered staff members who can offer expertise in classes for the children.

Two of the current instructors are a dance instructor for ballet, Kacey Burke with 18 years of training and 4 years teaching experience, and piano instructor Kwang Troy, who has more than 20 years experience teaching piano.

"We've maxed out with summer classes for two to three-year-old and

four to six-year-old gymnastics classes. Ballet and martial arts have been on break for the summer, but piano has eight students taking lessons on Monday nights," Hill noted.

Classes available this year are: gymnastics, Cheer-nastics and martial arts; ballet and piano lessons; painting and drawing and ceramics; and for older youth, babysitting classes and defensive driving training.

Registration for all classes is at the central enrollment registry office (CER), building 5203 Maryland Ave., Fort Dix. Call for an appointment at (609) 562-4702 or 5231. All class fees are paid in advance.

# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

754-5139  
McGuire Air Force Base  
Friday, Sept. 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Swing Vote-** Kevin Costner, Madeline Carroll, Paula Patton, Kelsey Grammer, Dennis Hopper, Nathan Lane, Stanley Tucci, George Lopez. When the mischievous antics of a precocious 12-year-old girl result in the outcome of the United States presidential election hanging on the vote of her apathetic, likable loser of a father, the man who thought that life had long since passed him by is reluctantly thrust into the national spotlight in this political-themed comedy starring Kevin Costner.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - Language  
Run time: 1 hr. 59 min.

**Saturday Matinee, Sept. 13 @ 3 p.m.**

**Dark Knight-** Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Michael Caine, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent, Batman sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham for good. The triumvirate proves to be effective, but they soon find themselves prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as the Joker, who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces the Dark Knight ever closer to crossing the fine line between hero and vigilante.

MPAA Rating: PG-13, intense sequences of violence and some menace  
Run time: 1 hr. 37 min.

**Saturday, Sept. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Step Brothers-** Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Mary Steenburgen, Richard Jenkins, Adam Scott. Brennan Huff (Will Ferrell) and Dale Doback (John C. Reilly) have one thing in common: they are both lazy, unemployed leeches who still live with their parents. When Brennan's mother and Dale's father marry and move in together, it turns the overgrown boys' world upside down. Their insane rivalry and narcissism pull the new family apart, forcing them to work together to reunite their parents.

MPAA Rating: R - crude and sexual content and pervasive language  
Run time: 1 hr. 35 min.

### **Future Features...**

**Friday, Sept. 1 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Pineapple Express** - R-sexual references, pervasive language, and drug use  
Run time: 1 hr. 42 min.

**Saturday, Sept. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants-** PG-13- Mature material and sensuality  
Run Time: 2 hours

**Residential Refuse Collection**

**Monday:** McGuire AFB 3800s and 3900s

**Tuesday:** All of Fort Dix

**Thursday:** McGuire AFB 4000s; 4400s; and 4500s

**Recyclables** are picked up every Thursday

**Yard and Flower Garden** waste is picked up every Monday and Tuesday.

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## Chapel Services

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### Sunday Services

Combined Protestant/Gospel Service will be held on Sunday, September 14 at Willow Pond Park, corner of 8th Street and Texas Avenue at 10 a.m. Following the combined service a picnic will be held. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Protestant.....9 to 10 a.m.  
Catholic Mas.....10:15 to 11:15 a.m.  
Gospel.....11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday School.....10 to 11:15 a.m.  
CCD.....9:15 to 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950, Church Street

General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service - Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue  
8:30 a.m.  
September 7 and 14

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent  
Hour of Power

Protestant.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Catholic.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Mormon.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Jewish.....8 to 9 a.m.

### Religious Services

**Jewish High Holy Days**  
Monday, Sept. 29  
Rosh Hashanah  
Candle lighting 6:24 p.m./ Service 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30  
Mincha/Maariv 6:25 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1  
Shacharis & Shofar blowing 9 a.m.

**Islamic Prayer room**  
Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through  
Friday - Room 24

**Christian Women of the Chapel -**  
Bible Study - All are invited to a Welcome Tea at the Main Chapel on Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

## ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Monday, Sept. 15

**Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun**

(Birth to 6 years) Part 1  
10 a.m. - Noon, ACS

**Wednesday, Sept. 17 Job Fair**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Club Dix

**Volunteer Advisory Council**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m., ACS

**Army Family Action Plan Pre-Conference Training**

10:30 - 11:30 a.m., ACS

**Everything You Need to Know**

**About Money: Spending**  
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., ACS

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**

**Becoming a Love & Logic Parent**

**of School Aged Children, Part 1**

10 a.m. - Noon, ACS

## Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039 562-5691

**Arts & Crafts will be closed August 30 for Labor Day**

**Registration Hours:**  
Tues. 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.;  
Wed. & Thurs. 12 - 5 p.m. and 6-8:45 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. and

**Sat. 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

**\*Framing Qualification Classes -**  
Wednesdays, Sept. 3 or 17; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost \$10 prior to class, plus cost of materials - Get qualified to use our great facility. You will complete one piece as you learn to operate the equipment. You are required to bring something to frame such as a 8X10 photo or certificate. All materials are available at the Frame Shop for purchase.

**\*Kids Pottery Course (Ages 6-9) -**  
Sept. 6-27;  
4 Saturdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost \$30

Classes cover both hand building and wheel throwing techniques. Pre-registration required.

**\*Ballroom Dancing** is coming to Griffith Field House. Every Thursday starting September 4. Learn basic routines for the waltz, swing/jitterbug, foxtrot, and an introduction to Latin Dance. Partners not required. Call 562-4888 for more information about this program.

**Computer Lab**  
Monday & Tuesday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday - Friday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Saturday Noon - 10 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### **Installation Office**

Taking into consideration various factors relating to safety and environmental hazard potential, Fort Dix intends to apply the Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol (MRSP) at the following Munitions Response Sites (MRSS): Practice Mortar Site-01, and the Small Arms Range. The Department of Defense (DoD) has conducted live-fire training and testing of weapon systems at active and former military installations throughout the United States to ensure force readiness and defend our nation. While the DoD has made great progress in addressing the potential hazards associated with former munitions-related activities, there remains work to be done. Through direction provided by Congress, the DoD has developed the MRSP which assigns priority for funding of defense sites containing unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, or munitions constituents.

The Army and Fort Dix are in the process of evaluating and scoring the applicable MRSS by applying the MRSP. The MRSP evaluation criteria includes assessing types of munitions that may be potentially present, assessing land uses, determining ease of access to the MRSS, and quantifying the number of people with access to these sites.

Information collected will be used to apply the MRSP. If you have information about the MRSS listed above or other potential MRSS associated with Fort Dix, please contact: Mr. William J. Lewendowski, Project Manager, at (609)-562-2203, FAX (609)-562-5345, E-mail address [william.lewendowski@us.army.mil](mailto:william.lewendowski@us.army.mil).

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# SPORTS

## Future grid iron greats get schooled

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

Players from the National Football League were busy with opening season but that didn't stop the NFL Play 60 Youth Clinic from being a success on Doughboy Field Sept. 4. Thirty-five children participated in the clinic.

Betsy Murphy, a worker with the NFL Organization, said the NFL's platform is to encourage children to play 60 minutes each day for exercise.

The NFL promotes the 60 minutes of play by holding clinics throughout the United States and teaching exercises and moves used by

football teams during training.

Murphy said she thought it was a great idea to do this with children of the military.

She added that she was disappointed the players themselves were all involved with preseason affairs and couldn't attend this clinic.

But M.J. Flammer with the Pennsylvania Liberty USO thought the Play 60 Clinic was fine without the NFL players.

"All of us in the USO and the military appreciate this NFL contribution for the children. It's obviously a moral booster," Flammer said.

Despite some disappointment that the professionals were a no show, the children participating in the clinic found it exciting and fun with the vol-

unteer coaches and Coach Tom LaNeve, the youth coach with the Baltimore Ravens.

LaNeve said, "I love working with kids. My goal is to have the kids learn about football and realize it and have fun. This is a life lesson to relish."

Whether or not it was a life lesson, the participants were certainly relishing the moment.

From the opening exercise, LaNeve had the children rolling on the ground, jumping, yelling, learning football stances and finally chasing and catching a football, and each other.

LaNeve spoke with participants about exercise and hydration, the importance of paying attention to their bodies, and mostly about playing football.

When LaNeve bellowed out instructions to the children, they all grinned and listened, and when he whispered instructions, they all listened solemnly.

LaNeve holds several clinics a year across the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska. In Baltimore, the Ravens encourage youth to exercise and play under LaNeve's tutelage, participating with the Ravens team when possible.

Sgt. Maj. Roger Chin, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Emergency Operations Center, was there with his son, Matthew as a participant, and as a coach for the children.

"He's into football," said Chin about his son. "This will give him some discipline and a chance to see Soldiers doing something and to see what's available to our kids. We're showing off the Army to the families."

Matthew himself had little to say, but as the tallest player there, he stood out as he learned football moves, taking care not to run over the smaller participants.

"I like football and watch it every time it's on," he said. "Since I live near Philadelphia, my home town, my favorite team is the Eagles."

His father added, "We're proud of the USO and the MWR and the support they provide for service members. It's a great organization and they go out of their way to support Soldiers and families. I give them kudos, and to Fort Dix for hosting the event."

Four training stations included running and catching a ball thrown from behind, running through obstacles with a ball and passing it off, catching a ball thrown from in front over a long distance, and runners meeting from opposite sides for touch tackle. Participants went through all four stations, practicing each move several times. All of the children held and threw the football, clasped each other, and ran for touchdowns.

Sgt. Denise Powell, of the Fort Dix Chapel, enjoyed her day as a volunteer coach.

"It was wonderful and interesting



photos by Lisa Evans

with kids of this age. It brought back memories of playing football with my kids and it's great motivation for our military kids."

Volunteer coaches also included a Sailor who had no children and a

Sailor with a child participating, a civilian father and his military wife with their child. Soldiers with and without children, Air Force personnel there with their children, and a young man interning with NFL Films.

**BASIC SKILLS --** Jordan Minden, 10, above photo, runs over obstacles during the NFL Youth Clinic Sept. 4. Vernon Johnson, 9, left, Averyanne Vinson, 7, bottom left photo, and Brandon Johnston, 12, below, run through different football drills during the clinic.



photos by Lisa Evans

**RUNNING WILD --** Patrick Fryer, 11, runs through drills at the NFL Play 60 Youth Clinic, held Sept. 4 at Doughboy field. The program encourages children to play and exercise 60 minutes per day.

## Sports Shorts

### Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Combat Fitness Challenge

Maximize the benefits of standard physical fitness training at the Griffith Field House. The Combat

Fitness Training Challenge, every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. is an intense military-style group workout given by certified Griffith Field House personal trainers and Army master fitness trainers.

The class includes running, military-style calisthenics and drill exercises, cardio kick-boxing and more.

Call (609) 562-4888 for more information.

### Flag Football

Flag football season begins in October and interested parties can sign up at the Griffith Field House.

Call Chris O'Donnell at (609) 562-4888 for more information about how to sign up for flag football.

## WATERFRONT PARK

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